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Dear Commissioners,

As a 40 year resident and long-time participant in Northern Los Angeles County Town Councils' activities, I can tell you rural residents have expressed many times their concerns—feeling underrepresented and misunderstood by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. I value and appreciate the representation provided by the office of the Fifth District, but one supervisor is often outnumbered on matters that are often tailored to urban unincorporated needs and desires, which are imposed on rural communities with quite different needs, desires, and vastly different environments with regard to geography, climate, and lifestyle.

I am interested in the vertical north/south districting idea that could possibly provide three or more supervisorial seats across the Antelope Valley, which could help the board understand more completely rural community needs that are a distant thought for four of them, currently. It could, possibly, inspire more cooperation between supervisors, and facilitate cooperative action between all county departments which must deal with urban and rural dwellers alike.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment, and respectfully request you consider these comments in the redistricting process.

Sincerely